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Gallaudet artist Michael Shirley talks with young patrons visiting his art show Feb. 15.

Teach history all year, says McRae

Educating people about black history should not be limited to February, when Black History Month is recognized, said Karen McRae, executive director of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH), at a Feb. 11 presentation at Gallaudet. Instead, black history should be taught "365 days a year," she said.

McRae opened her presentation by apologizing for the absence of Martin Luther King III, who had planned to accompany her but had to return home to Atlanta, Ga., to attend a meeting, she said. King hopes to schedule another date for a presentation at Gallaudet, according to McRae.

McRae said that ASALH was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter Woodson to publish books on black life and history and promote racial harmony. The organization initiated Negro History Week in 1926 to coincide with the birth dates of President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and journalist Frederick Douglass. This week-long celebration of black people and their heritage was expanded to a full month in 1976.



Karen McRae

In order to emphasize her point that black history continues to be neglected in schools at all levels, McRae mentioned several important African-American figures who receive little, if any, attention from historians.

One such person is William Whipper, who developed the concept of nonviolent protest a century before Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. espoused their own philosophies. Another, Maria Steward, initiated a group called "Daughters of Africa" and regularly encouraged black women to uplift the race. A third, Paul Roberson, was born to slavery but obtained a degree from Columbia Law School, spoke six languages, and was an athlete and a talented singer and dancer.

McRae objected to the depiction of black people in the media, saying, "black people are not all drug dealers or gang members." She asserted that television's image of black people has not significantly improved since the premiere season of "The Cosby Show." "Until we stand up, we won't have the right image of black people" in the media, she said.

McRae emphasized the need for black youth involvement in leadership and the study of their own history, noting that for 12 years after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, "there was no activism, no programs, no fighting. Blacks were not involved with politics." She blames this inaction on the lack of mentorship and other leadership training of young black people at the time, to ensure that the struggle for equality could continue after the loss of key leaders.

McRae closed her presentation with the suggestion that Gallaudet establish a chapter of ASALH to permit the further exploration of black history and life issues among students.

Senate lauds removal of tenure cap

The University Faculty Senate at its Feb. 15 meeting voted unanimously to send a letter of appreciation to the Board of Trustees and President I. King Jordan for lifting the cap imposed by the board in 1983 on the number of University level faculty who can be placed on tenure track.

The letter, which was later sent to Board Chair Philip Bravin and Dr. Jordan, hailed the Feb. 4-5 Board of Trustees meeting as a historical occasion when the three governance systems of the University—faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees—"labored together and achieved a common goal of ensuring proper service to the institution's constituent public." The event marked three to four years of work at revising the faculty guidelines and negotiating changes with the University faculty and administration.

Dr. Thomas Allen, chair of Committee A (Faculty Welfare), said that Committee A is working on two tasks in relation to the elimination of the tenure cap: one, how to convert contract faculty to tenure track, and two, how to improve the guidelines to better reflect the nature and responsibilities of faculty who are hired on a part-time, adjunct, or temporary basis. It was agreed that Allen should represent the senate on the second topic at the Academic Affairs Management Team meeting Feb. 17.

Allen also said that 12 faculty members voluntarily took the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) twice last fall with different and independent raters. If 12 faculty also take the test two times with different evaluators this spring, Committee A will have sufficient information.

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Administration lowers CDC fee hike

The opposition raised by parents of children enrolled in Gallaudet's Child Development Center (CDC) at a Jan. 21 meeting over plans to increase the weekly fee per child from \$105 to \$130 has resulted in a compromise—\$120, a 14.3 percent increase that is more typical of fee hikes in preceding years. The fee will be \$85 per week for part-time enrollment, rather than \$95 per week.

The announcement was made to parents in a Feb. 8 letter from La Varne Hines, director of Administrative and Community Services.

Other changes include a new commitment to implement fee changes in the fall of each school year rather than in January. Midyear fee increases were usual at CDC in the past but be-

came a subject of debate for some parents at the meeting. Families will now be notified of fee increases the preceding June, giving them more time to organize their budgets or make other child care arrangements as needed.

In addition, said Hines, an annual budget presentation will be made to families who use the CDC, a student-parent representative will serve on the CDC Advisory Council, and a parents' committee will be established to explore program funding options. Hines said that two parents are planning fund raising initiatives.

Hines, in her recent announcement, re-affirmed CDC's intent to work with families who need to make special payment arrangements.



(From left): Dr. Jack Gannon, Eli Savanick, Dr. I. King Jordan, Dr. Donald Ammons, and Dr. Yerkker Andersson pose with a Swiss cowbell presented to Gallaudet in appreciation of leadership training programs provided to the deaf community in Switzerland.

Events tell about learning disabilities

To heighten awareness among faculty about students who have learning disabilities, a number of lectures, workshops, discussions, and other activities have been scheduled.

The events, which are open to the campus community, will take place as part of a faculty development grant awarded to Harry Markowicz, an assistant professor of English, and Cristina Berdichevsky, an assistant professor of foreign languages.

Markowicz and Berdichevsky's work is an outgrowth of a task force made up of Gallaudet faculty and staff that has been involved since last spring in addressing the academic needs of learning disabled students on campus.

Through the task force's commitment, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Dean Robert Williams, in col-

laboration with the Diagnostic Services Department at the Northwest Campus, has taken the lead in developing policies to ensure that appropriate accommodations are made for students with learning disabilities. CAS is also offering special classes in two areas that present particular challenges to students with learning disabilities—Algebra II and Spanish 101-102.

The following events have been slated:

- Feb. 24—noon to 1 p.m., Edward Miner Gallaudet Building, Room 113, lecture on college students with learning disabilities by Ginger Pinchot, who has been working with learning disabled students for the past 30 years.
 - Feb. 25—11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Abbey, forum led by a panel of students with learning disabilities, organized by the Student Body Government.
 - March (TBA)—lecture on learning disabilities and deafness by KDES psychologist Dr. William Kachman.
 - April (TBA)—all-day workshop.
- For more information, call Markowicz, x5574, or Berdichevsky, x5561.

WOL challenged in GCRC match

The University community is encouraged to come out March 6 for an evening of basketball action—and to support a worthy cause—when a team made up of Gallaudet students, faculty, and staff, and members of the Fourth and Fifth District Police Headquarters, takes on the WOL Majic Soul Rockers.

The Thirteenth Annual Benefit Basketball Game, sponsored by the Gallaudet Community Relations Council, will begin at 5 p.m. in the Field House. Half time entertainment will be provided by the Hine Junior High School Marching Panthers Band.

Donations are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. Proceeds from the game will go to Deaf-REACH, a Washington, D.C., organization that provides special services to deaf adults with multiple disabilities.

For ticket information, call the Office of Administrative and Community Services in College Hall, Room 215, x5263; Tim McCarty at MSSD, x5019; Leslie Proctor at KDES, x5461; or Sandra McLennon at the Northwest Campus, 8-5812 or 8-5829.

Announcements

The Right Reverend Jane Holmes Dixon, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C., will present "My Life as a Bishop" at 4 p.m., March 1, in Merrill Learning Center, Room LN11. A reception will follow. The event is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion and the Women's Studies Task Force.

"Identifying Our Bilingual 'Selves'—Deaf and Hearing Partners: How Can We Fit the Parts Together?" will be presented March 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, Md. The workshop will be conducted by Sheila Jacobs, a licensed Marriage Family Child Counselor specializing in deaf/hearing, multicultural, and family issues. Registration is \$10. For more information, contact Susan Giansanti at 6817 Kerman Rd., Seabrook, Md. 20706, (301) 794-8404 (TTY).



Student Life Director Dwight Benedict awards Sharon Hayes, coordinator for residence hall facilities, her 15-year service award.

University Faculty Senate meets Feb. 15

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tion to evaluate whether ratings from different evaluators are consistent, and therefore determine if the test is reliable. The committee is still trying to design a study that would evaluate how well the SCPI rating reflects a faculty member's actual skill at communicating in the classroom.

Dr. Terry Berkeley, chair of Committee E (Salary, Benefits, and University Budget), circulated a message by Jordan in which Jordan stated that he was not yet able to respond to the committee's memo asking for the limits for merit increases and promotion awards and where this money will come from. Jordan said in the message that he expects to respond before the

March senate meeting.

Because Committee S (Quality in Educational Programs) received only 50 responses to the *ASL and Deaf Studies Task Force Report*, Senate Chair William Marshall requested that all senate members solicit their colleagues' responses and that Committee S report the results at the March meeting.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Robert Williams reported that he had met with Physical Plant Director Fred Kendrick, who said he would have custodial staff step-up efforts to keep Hall Memorial Building clean during its renovation. Williams also said that an air quality test has been performed and that he will post the results as soon as he receives them.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Feb. 22-26 will be published March 8.

FOR SALE: 2-3 nights for two people in luxury hotel in either Barbados or Laurentian Mountains outside Montreal, Canada, \$195/BO, must be used by end of April. Call x5474 or E-mail DFRYAN.

FOR SALE: 120 ceramic tiles (approx. 18 sq. ft.), 4 1/4 in., grey-white, \$10, and 46 quarry tiles (approx. 11 sq. ft.), 6 in., wine, \$10. E-mail YJANDERSSON.

FOR SALE: Tremont woodstove with catalytic converter, cast iron and brass w/window, like

new, \$1,700 retail, will sell for \$1,000; Kenmore washer and dryer, \$150. Call John Day, x5231 or E-mail JMDAY.

FOR RENT: Large loft room in home, Cheverly, Md., to nonsmoker, share kitchen, avail. March 1, \$450/mo. plus 1/4 util. Call Mona Nealy, x5636, or visit at KDES.

WANTED: Pen pals for 18-year-old hearing daughter of deaf parents from Bulgaria. For address, E-mail YJANDERSSON.

FOR SALE: 2 Mac Plus computers w/Imagewriter printers, exc. cond., \$600/BO for each set. E-mail 11SCOOPER or call (410) 381-3377 (V/TTY).

FOR RENT: Apt. in home, Takoma Park., Md., to nonsmokers, no pets, near trans., \$600/mo. inc. util., avail. now. Call (301) 585-7306 (V/TTY) or E-mail LARACH or 11ALO.

WANTED: Room w/private bath or shared apt. for nonsmoking Ph.D. student w/cat. Call Cindy, (301) 622-7006 (V/TTY) eves.

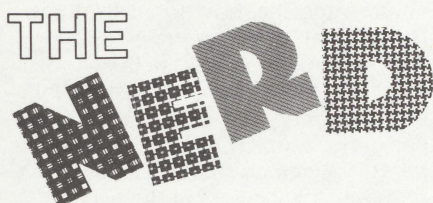
WANTED: Home for male yellow lab mix, 1 1/2 years old, neutered, has all shots, some obedience training, very friendly. Call Julia, (202) 789-6126 (V).

FOR SALE: Bedroom set w/mirror, \$100; drafting table w/chair and lamp (like new), \$75. E-mail JMDUCKO.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TTY).

DIRECTOR, MULTICULTURAL STUDENT PROGRAMS: Academic Support and Student Development
CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT: Bookstore
DRIVER: Transportation Department



The stage comedy hit "The Nerd" will open March 5 at 8 p.m. on the Elstad Auditorium stage.

The play, written by Larry Shue and directed by Bob Daniels, follows the dilemma a young architect faces when he is visited by a man he has never met, but who saved his life in Vietnam. Now it appears he's come to stay, causing one uproarious incident after another.

Additional performances will be on March 6, 12, and 13 at 8 p.m. and March 7 and 13 at 2 p.m. All performances are signed and voiced.

Full-time Gallaudet students with I.D. will be admitted free to the play. Tickets are \$4 for other students (including sign language students) and \$6 for the general public.

Reservations can be made by calling x5500 (V) or x5502 (TTY).

Box office hours are: March 1-4, 2-5 p.m.; March 5, 2-8 p.m.; March 6, 5-8 p.m.; March 7, noon-2 p.m.; March 8-11, 2-5 p.m.; March 12, 2-8 p.m.; and March 13, noon-8 p.m.



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Evon Black, student activities coordinator at the Northwest Campus and an ASL storyteller, relates a comical tale about growing up in the South as a black deaf woman at a Feb. 16 performance.